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Sunday

ARE WE "BRIDGE BUILDERS?"

What kind of a bridge are we Christians building? One that will help and aid those who are coming after us, or one that will be of no use--a hindrance, or are we building none at all?

The poem "The Bridge Builder" gives a beautiful illustration of this. An old man, who had crossed a sullen stream at evening, turned when safe on the other side, and built a bridge across the chasm. A bystander asked him why, as he would never pass that way again.--

"The traveler lifted his old gray head,
'Good friend, in the path I have come,' he said,
A youth whose feet must pass this way;
This chasm, that has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pit-fall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim--
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

Young fellow Christians--with this new year 1944 stretched before us--shall we as worthy Christians be bridge builders for the kingdom of God. May the bridge we build in our life--our daily prayers, meditation, a smile, a kind word, a helping hand, etc., be of some assistance and aid to others--others who come after us, the bystanders, to cross to the kingdom of God. May our life so tell for Christ that others may see and be led to take the Christian Way of life, too. It is our great opportunity to build now as no generation has ever had. The people are building planes, ships, ammunitions, war implements by the thousands, with one aim--victory. In this crucial hour of human history--war, suffering, untold agonies, young people, let us not fail our God. Let us all with one aim--victory for God--be "Bridge Builders" for the Kingdom of God.

-- Kimie Miyamoto --

TREASURY REPORT

INCOME

Offerings		$27.72
Pledges		57.50
Donations		43.00
Sale of Calendars		21.00
Total Income		$149.22

EXPENSES

Dec. 7	100 Tabernacle Hymnals	$ 58.69
13	Donation to Y.P. C.E.	5.00
15	Christmas gifts to Reverends	50.00
15	Gifts to ministerial students	20.00
15	Miscellaneous gifts	20.00
15	Money Order Fee	.75
16	Envelopes & stamps	1.10
23	Wrapping paper	.10
26	Carolers' refreshments	1.83
	Total Disbursements	$157.47

Balance, December 1, 1943	$412.28
Income in December	149.22
	561.50
Total Disbursements	157.47
Balance, January 1, 1944	$404.03

Each good thought or action moves
the dark world nearer to the sun.
-- Whittier --

special meeting

Tonight a special combined CE Societies meeting will be held at the 305 Chapel in honor of Miss Sophie Shizume, who is leaving us in the near future. All members of the Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Y.P. Christian Endeavor groups are urged to attend.

7:30 P.M. is the time!

A Kind Word

"How little it costs, if we give
it a thought,
To make happy some heart each day.
Just one kind word, or a tender
smile,
As we go on our daily way.

"Perchance a look will suffice to
clear
The clouds from a neighbor's face,
And the press of a hand in
sympathy
A sorrowful tear efface.

"It costs so little, I wonder why
We give so little thought.
A smile, kind words, a glance, a
touch,
What magic with them is wrought!"

-- Sel. --

Testimony

CASTING ALL YOUR CARE UPON HIM FOR HE CARETH FOR YOU. I Peter 5:7

I can truly thank the Lord that He has given me the privilege of accepting Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour since coming to Poston.

I am truly thankful for the opportunity He has given me to change into another person, as I am enjoying life more with the promise of everlasting life given to me. There are no regrets, for He has given me joy and peace that nothing else can replace. There are many times when I cannot bear my burden alone, but my loving Saviour bids me to seek Him. I know since the fullness of Jesus came into my heart that if I only cast all my cares on Jesus and trust and obey, he will care for me.

As I enter into the New Year, my aim is that each of my passing days may be but another opportunity to prove to others the reality of Christ living in me, and that I may increase my faith in the Lord.

My earnest prayer is that I may grow deeper in Christian knowledge; that I may be pressing on to Higher Ground as I open my heart to Jesus.

A sister in Christ,
Alice Tanase

EXCEPTS

Dear Brothers & Sisters in the Lord:

...As I knelt by the window in my small room in prayer of thanks, my thoughts were of that first Christmas and the beauty of the world inspite of all that is going on... Usually it is cloudy but tonight it was bright and starry as on that first night.

Last night our assistant pastor, Johnny Schroeder, gave his last sermon on "The Newness of Life". He is going soon as a chaplain in the Navy. To see in the everyday life the glory of God's gifts; that was his message. That is my prayer for each one of His children this new year where ver you are.

I remember last year's New Year eve faggot service. As for myself, I have received far more abundantly than I could ask or think.

To each one for the New Year I found a beautiful poem:

"Listen to the salutation of the dawn:
'Look to this day;
For it is life - the very life of life.
In its brief course lie all the verities and the realities of our existence--
For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision;
But today well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness.
And every tomorrow a vision of hope
Look well, therefore, to this day.'
Such is the salutation of the dawn." (from the Sanskrit)

Florence Takahashi
Syracuse, New York

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We also wish to thank Aiko Konatsu, Chicago, for her October and November pledges.

DEPARTURES

This past week we saw two beloved Church members leave our midst for relocation. May Shizu and Aiko Tashiro continue to glorify God in Wheaton, Illinois, where they will join Haruo and Hatsuye Tashiro.

"When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain,
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again."

RALLY DAY

Rally Day was held by the Roku One Sunday School last Sunday morning. The following persons were presented with certificates of promotion:

Beginners-T.Hirashima, teacher.
Joyce Abe, Richard Ichiyama, Freddie Watari, and Kiyoshi Hayakawa, Miyuki Shiba, Michiko Nishimoto.

Primary-second, S. Suzuki, teacher.
Shigeo Tsuchiyama and Hiroshi Yoshida.

Primary-first, V. Kurihara, teacher.
Masaaki Konatsu, Yukio Nakashima, and Ben Yamaguchi.

Junior-first, H. Watari, teacher.
Etsuko Nishimoto, Alice Ida, and Vera Furubayashi.

Junior Boys, G. Yamagata, teacher,
Neil Takahashi and Herbert Abe.

Intermed-first, Mrs. N. Mukai,
Chizuko Fukutome, Mitsuye Akahoshi, Grace Hiratsuka, May Mano, Ruby Shiba, Mariko Kawaguchi, Mary Osato, and Amy Nagata.

Intermed-second, Mrs. T. Umade,
Miyeko Shiba, Aiko Tashiro, Kazu Konatsu, Lilyan Nagata, Amie Shiba, Mitsuye Kiritani, Nobu Imai, Kikuno Tajiri, Noriko Ishimoto, and Hisako Imamura.

Intermediate boys, Mr. Tom Mukai,
Akira Tajiri